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troops and was repulsed.

to the expedition last Saturday.

seems to go from me and for that

has his plants assorted in his mind

The invitation I got was cryptic.

Do men gather grapes of thorns,

to Bald Knob caused me to let my

Hench came over to our house just

before five of a foggy morning and

we got under way for Cass just after

the five o'clock whistle blew and

brier river. It is about twenty-five

The way is across a series of ravines

and we had the experience of making

deep dives into the fog sea and com-

Here the courtesy of the West

scientific parson was among his own this heath?

But the combination of a day in great tiger lillies.

'Come to Bald Knob for lilles."

or figs of thistles?

business slide and go.

ford cars and rabbits.

junction,

seems to apply to this place:

Awful, indomitable, grand:

height,

feet.

Grav:

just under the brow.

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of whom were under six feet tall. For something like forty years I nave looked up to Bald Knob on Back Allegheny intending to go there and stand on its windswept summit. Last Saturday I reached there late but in earnest. The expedition was made under favorable circunstances. It was arranged by Rev. Fred Gray, the botanist. Miss Virginia Miller have been starved into that kind of From there we went on to the Lewis and Miss Priscilla Collins, a couple of college bred young women, S. N. Hench, the scientific leather maker, and this very casual observer were the other members of the party. The Times, where it bears the scru ceptance of the term: When I started out I did not know tiny of such trained observers as H. whether there was an article (a literary composition forming a part of a periodical) in it or not. I do not know yet, but as I passed the time of day with friends of the Greenbank District, I kept hearing something like this: "Well, we will hear all about it in the next issue of The Times." And this is the way that a person sometimes is crowded into and is ready to answer questions. making an effort.

This summer it has been my good fortune to make a number of trips to the Greenbank district. The good road was completed to the county line in the Cheat country so that it is easy to reach the top of the world.

Green Bank has the distinction of being the highest municipality in the eastern part of the United States and of being the largest magisterial district in West Virginia. A number of the smaller counties of the State went up the west side of the Greencould be contained within her borders. It is as large as the great miles up the river by the local roads. county of Webster.

Last winter some enterprising empire builders in the northern part of the State included Green Bank dis- ing out above the fog. It was about trict in a new county scheme and were surprised to find that if they up from time to time on account of had succeeded in their effort that Greenbank would have dominated the county that they had hoped to form and that they would have been left out in the cold

The oldest part of the settlements taken up by flowers. in Green Bank were around the forks of Deer Creek near where the village Virginia Pulp & Paper Company afof Green Bank stands The two forded us transportation to the town blasted top, where the fire warden parts of the stream come together of Spruce, the highest town in the claims to have read the Pocahontas about a quarter of a mile above the Appalachian Range. We had a flat Times for a whole evening by the bridge on the Cass road and the car and the best of chances of observ- flashes of lightning, you are cautionbanks are high at the fork. It was ing the country through which we ed to speak the truth: Ques. Are you on this high bank that Warwick's passed. The train climbs about acquainted with any members of the Fort was located, that served as a fourteen hundred feet in the course fern family?

summer home for the community of some seven miles. The town of Ans. Yes. Fifty-seven different during the open seasons of the revo-lutionary times. The bottom lands we were kindly received and treated have collected others in other states. are broad here and the clearings ex- with great consideration. The tended to the foot of the hills.

The Indians could not surprise the people. A chiel being among them Ans. Yes, the bracken is common fort on account of the opening in the taking notes, has some drawbacks to on this top. The hay-scented is also forest and it proved a safe retreat to the hilarity of the occasion, but I found here in great abundance. Also during all of those dangerous years. carried that part of it off the best I one form of the lady fern. Strange to

There is a tradition that on one could. The wonder at Spruce is the say that on this place is found a occasion that a party of hostile In- school of trout in the Cheat River cinnamon fern that is generally condians beseiged this fort and watched that make the water boil when fed sidered a marsh variety.

Allegheny, on top of the main Alle- is some jealousy among the people highest elevations. gheny, where on December 13, 1861, about it. They say that the whole Ques. What about Chest Mountain. Gen. Milroy of the Union forces sur- state of Colorado is divided 'on ac. hugkleberries? rounded the winter camp of the Con- count of twelve feet difference in the Ans. It is a bush cranberry. When

federates with a great number of two highest peaks. But the building ripe it is from a light red to a deep troops and was repulsed.

It was a Green Bank company that tion at rest in this State, for it is Ques. What about the thornless led the charge at the Bloody Angle 4802 feet at the base of the old-fire blackberry?

at Spottsylvania. This was the station on Baid Knob. 4842 feet at Ans. There is such a berry here. company of one hundred men recruit- the base of the new station. And the thorn's either entirely absent of ed in the first year of the war, none 4902 feet at the top of the tower. I merely rudimentary. Probably evoclimbed to the top of the tower, not luting

These few remarks in leading up so much for the view, as to be able to Ques. What is that purple blos say that I had reached the highest som?

That invitation centered around elevation in West Virginia. And Ans. The willow herb. Very rich Prof. Gray, who has been wise when I got there I was more bein honey. See those covered with enough to make much of the re- wildered by the sight of the spruce plant lice, the aphis. They have sources of the country in which he tops than the innumerable peaks and secreted the honey and those ants are gathering it.

And so forth until a state of mental work myself but with this difference barren spot on Bald Knob where the indigestion is reached or as we scienin that when I find out some of the fire warden lives in the fire season. tists might say therepeutic indisecrets of nature I write it out in There I got my text, though I cannot gestus. I dare not give any more for long hand and have it printed in preach from it in the common acfear you might get an overdose. The Bald Knob is a sterile tract

Hearken unto this, O Job: stand but not so barren as it appears from F. Cromer, and I generally get by still, and consider the wondrous a distance. with it, though I have had to change works of God. We could

We could not forbear bringing in my conclusions as the occasion arose. / To be consistent therefore I congreat sheaves of the tiger lily and When my stuff is printed and scan-strue that the command to be still some of you saw the flowers in one of ned by the local authorities then it carries out the meaning of the in- the Marlinton churches Sunday.



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it from the hill by the John G. War-wick place and that the Indians sent bridge. These trout have accuma-division of the lands on this mounan arrow from that hill that fell lated there in the closed stream, and tain? within the stockade. Considering the people of the place take pride in that this was valuable evidence as to protecting them. The waters of the or 4600 feet, a spinulose fern ceases, the much disputed question of the stream are colored red from the and the dilated fern owns the land range of an arrow in flight, I went spruce forests.

There is nothing in the world to that nothing else possesses. Those demarcation apparent. their improved drivers and golf balls so far as wild life is concerned. come nearest to such feats, but even counting the roll of a bail after it drive yet recorded.

The site of this fort is in grass but ted fields of the fine farms in and a run. But he had spolled the lick about the forks of Deer Creek and it and the operators were not captured. is one of the most beautiful spots anywhere to be found in the mounattention of historians and when the out trespassing on fenced fields I the place and I do not know of a growth could be described. The parmore pleasant retreat anywhere.

may or it may not be but I cannot to the eye as a thick covering of moss. have been formed except by the point in West Virginia. We have a hand of man.

created a state hisorical society the duties of which include the marking and preservation of historic and pict uresque places and the land around Warwick's Fort deserves special attention. It is on the State road a short distance north of the Seneca Forest, one of the State parks.

And by the way, Warwick's Fort is often confused with the Clover Lick Fort of Revolutionary times, Clover Lick being the seat of Major Jacob Warwick, of Revolutionary times. They were different forts garrisoned at the same time. In a soldier's declaration for a pension, I notice that he states that he was on duty at Warwick's Fort and was transferred from there to the Clover Lick fort. They are about fifteen miles apart.

Greenbank was the site of two notable engagements during the Civil War. The one at Camp Bartow where the greatest artillery demon-stration of the first year of the war was staged, and the other at Camp

there the other day and stepped the From here we took the trail that tain. Strange to say that the fern distance. From the site of the fort has been cut by the fire wardens who of the lower levels is the evergreen. to the foot of the hill was five hun- have a station on Bald Knob It is Ques How is the division line dred and seventy-three paces, or about a three miles climb through marked beside the trail? about the third of a mile. I have the spruce woods. There is a richno doubt that this is a fair example ness about the spruce forest that is with two gun shot blazes on the of the power of the dynamic force found no where else. There is a north side. I marked this tree with that the Indian could lend to the wealth of plant life there and a fresh- two loads of shot one fall after the

day in the way of human dynamics who, wander in such woods are the to equal it. Crack golf players with only ones who know bad from good fern seed? The person told us that once when he was botanizing around in these Ferns have no bloom and therefore reaches the earth, it far exceeds any woods that he had inadvertently no seed.

walked in upon a moonshine still and he was enough of a general scientist it is not included within the cultiva- to see that it was just about ripe for called Bald Knob? The trail is plenty good enough for humus by the fire.

pack animals and so we really had no tains. It has already attracted the peril and privation in making the low flower, a solitary plant here on ascent. It was just a healthy walk the exact top of the mountain ? times comes to improve such scenic up the side of a substantial mountain. and historic places, this should be As we neared the top we came to a the evening blooming primrose. one of the first considered. The fine thick growth of spruce. This was growth of trees along the banks of composed of small spruce trees about present, any exotics? Deer Creck hide the place from the lodge pole size and smaller. The Ans. Yes. That bunch of timothy passing tourist but a path up the tract was spread over the top of the for instance. That yarrow there east bank of the creek from the iron mountain and contained perhaps a and this bit of pepper grass. This bridge makes it easy of access with- hundred acres. The number of trees bit of smart-weed or tear thumb. was estimated to be forty-five thoushad passed by often without going to and to the acre. I called a confer- the yarrow? see it, but I have fallen in love with ence to get an expression so that this

son said that it was like a Louisiana The legend is that the old Greek Just across the hayfields in the cane-brake. It was like the hair on general used it as an astringent and forks of the State highway and the your head. It was like wheat in the saved the lives of the soldiers of his Cass turnpl ke is a very symmetrical field. It is a wonder. It covered army. mound some hundred or more feet the highest point for strange as it Ques. What is the most gaudy high that has every appearance of may seem to the thousands who have flower here present? being the work of the mound build- gazed on Bald Knob from the lower Ans. The lillum superbum or the ers. It is about the same size and lands, there is a higher point adjoin- superb Hly. Beautiful color. Orange shape of the Grave Creek mound in ing on which the fire look out tower red, yellow, with spots like the tiger, Moundsville, and it would be just as is placed, and this is built in this hence the local name of tiger lily. well to have it examined by authori- spruce thicket. From the tower one It is prolific almost beyond belief. ties on such subjects to see if it is looks down on the most bewildering It has as high as thirty blooms to a not of artificial construction. It carpet of spruce tops, as inpenetrable single stalk. imagine how such a mound could The top of that tower is the highest bloom?

number of peaks that are forty-eight The last session of the legislature hundred odd feet elevation, and there

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losn eff 4-The farmer is the stockholder Ans, Yes. At a point about 4500

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Ans. Strictly speaking, no. There

are fern spores, botanically speaking.

Ques. How do you account for the barren condition of this mountain Ans. Probably fire first, then winds and scant soil. Destruction of

Ques. What is that beautiful yel-

Ques. Do you see among those

Ques. What is the official name of

Ans. Achilles millefolium, or the thousand leaved flower of Achilles.

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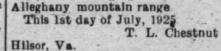
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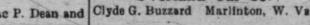


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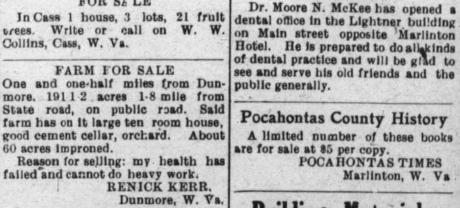




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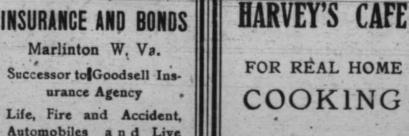


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